

SENATE BILL 1844

By Watson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 20;
Title 29, Chapter 34 and Title 48, relative to
causes of action.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 29, Chapter 34, Part 2, is amended by
adding the following as a new section:

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Charitable organization" means a charitable unit of a religious or civic
group exempt from taxation under 26 U.S.C. § 501, including those supported
wholly or partially by private donations; and

(2) "Services" includes, but is not limited to:

(A) Providing food;

(B) Providing housing; and

(C) Providing shelter from adverse weather.

(b) A charitable organization providing services to the homeless community is
not liable for a loss, damages, injury, or death that results from providing such services,
unless the charitable organization's conduct constitutes gross negligence or willful and
wanton misconduct.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2022, the public welfare requiring it.